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Dear Sir,

I have wrote you, because I am worrying on the result of the Microsoft-DOJ and Microsoft-19 states cases. Let me discribe my own position that has shared with many friends of mine.

1. From our own experience we know very well that MS is using predatory practice -- it is just impossible to buy PC without some Windows installed, even in Russia and Ukraine. Moreover, nobody never returned money, if I need not in their Windows.
2. Quality of MS Windows (all versions) is low: you can observe this, even via watching TV or reading the newspapers -- permanent noise on 'compromised Web sites', 'new viruses' and similar. But, if you choose an alternative OS -- Mac OS, Linux, OS/2 -- you will immediately be faced with troubles -- some sites will reject to service you; there is not broad support from vendors and so on. Instead, everybody will propose you plenty of mediocre Windows-XYZ programs.
3. Few years ago, when the historical case against Microsoft has started, we have obtained some hope to see punished predator. All this process was, unfortunately, very long, but it showed to all (unblind) persons, what kind of tactics was used by MS: for killing OS/2, for struggle with Netscape, with attempts to remove or reduce Java etc. It was, sometimes, even funny to see, how 'great' Bill Gates impudently lying, how MS witnesses had permanent troubles with truth. The result was: guilty, should be splitted and it was just great!

You can tell that Judge Jackson did mistake -- he gave interviews to the newspapers -- yes, it was tactical mistake, but I can understand this: what should you feel on MS, when you were forced to hear their lying for almost 3 years? And, also, the Appeal Court has never changing the main case result: they were agree that MS is guilty!

4. When we started to hear talks on 'settlement', I couldn't even think that such a variant is possible. After this, we started to hear on attempts to mediate states' cases. It was especially intresting to read on MS proposal to settle -- via introducing themself in the one of the last sectors of market, where they weren't presented yet. It was strange, it was horrible ...

We heard a lot on 'fair game', 'competition', holy 'American Justice', 'innovations of MS' (may be, MS Mouse?), of course. But please tell me, in what country the person, who was already announced guilty, has (with the help of government) opportunity to escape from real charges and to enter to a new beautiful marketing sector -- schools? Sorry, but we can not see any justice in the latest news -- we could see only new victories for MS (and the absence even the 'common sense' in American Justice).

If MS escapes their punishment, we will know very well, what is the meaning of 'Justice' in the USA, but, in this case, please avoid using of words aforementioned in the future -- now we will know, how much these words cost!

Sincerely yours,  
Volodymyr

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Microsoft should be destroyed!